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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, CENTO, US, XD

SUBJECT: US NAVAL UNITS TO PERSIAN GULF

REF: A. STATE 255250 B. ISLAMABAD 10969

1. ALUSNA DELIVERED QUOTE OF PARA 2, REF. A, BY SEPARATE LETTER TO PAK CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF (CNS) AS SOON AS CNS AVAILABLE ON 20 NOVEMBER. CNS HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED OF CONSTELLATION CHANGE IN SCHEDULE THROUGH CENTO CHANNELS BUT APPRECIATED THE EXPLANATION.

2. THE CNS READ THE LETTER VERY CAREFULLY AND STOPPED AFTER FIRST TWO SENTENCES OF QUOTE AND CHECKED THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IN THE OPORDER. HE SAID THAT CONSTELLATION'S PRESENCE WOULD BE MISSED BECAUSE ITS ACFT OFFERED SO MUCH NEEDED TRAINING. HOWEVER, HE APPRECIATED HER PRESENCE DURING MOST IMPORTANT PART. CONTINUING ON INTO THE EXPLANATION, A PUZZLED LOOK GREW ON HIS FACE AS HE BEGAN TO THINK ABOUT IT. THEN HE SAID THAT HE DIDN'T QUITE UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO MAKE A ROUTINE TRANSIT OF THE PERSIAN GULF SINCE THE US HAS A CONTINUING PRESENCE THERE

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WITH THE MID EAST FORCE UNDER COMMAND OF RADM HANKS, USN, WHO

IS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE AREA AND HAS AN OUTSTANDING GRASP OF THE PROBLEMS THERE. HE THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT HIS OPERATIONS OFFICE WAS ALREADY PREPARING CHANGES TO THE OPORDER. HE APPEARED DISAPPOINTED BUT ACCOMMODATING ALSO.

3. THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT HE ASSOCIATED THE SCHEDULE CHANGE TO THE REGRETS SENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO INVITATION TO ATTEND PHASE FOUR ON CONSTELLATION OR TO EVENTS OF THE MIDDLE EAST.  
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